

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PUPILS AT EVERGREEN SCHOOL

Introduction

This consultation is being undertaken to advise you of proposals concerning Evergreen School and to invite you to tell us what you think of the proposals. This is part of a statutory consultation process that Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is managing in partnership with the Governing Body of the school. The proposal is:

To increase the capacity of Evergreen School by 40 places

Evergreen School, a community special school - Brittain Lane, Warwick CV34 6DX

Why Change?

WCC as the Local Authority has a statutory duty to provide sufficient special school places for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) that require a special school place.

Evergreen School is a community special school for children and young people with Special Educational Needs (aged 4-19). It is the only maintained special school in Warwick District and is currently operating at full capacity.

There is an increased demand for special school places in the area, and across the county as a whole. The expansion of Evergreen School is required in part due to significant housing development in the South Leamington/Warwick area, with several thousand new homes currently being built in this area alone.

To meet future sufficiency demands, it has been proposed that provision for at least 40 additional places is needed in the area and this can most effectively be achieved through expansion of the existing school.

Building consequences

This proposal concerns the statutory process of extending the capacity at Evergreen School by 40 places.

The proposed expansion will involve the construction of a new two-story classroom block on existing school land, located directly behind the main building. The plans for this building are not yet finalised and will be subject to the usual planning permission processes.

What is the proposed timetable?

13th January 2023: Portfolio Holder for Education gave approval for the proposal to go out for consultation. This report is available to the general public by following the link below to the County Council website:

<https://democracy.warwickshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=203>

23th January 2023 – 19th February 2023: Consultation with parents, the local community and other stakeholders to take into account the views expressed regarding the proposals.

16th March 2023: WCC Cabinet decision. If the County Council's Cabinet agree to the proposal, the expansion will proceed with a provisional target date of **1 September 2024**.

Have Your Say...

As an integral part of this process, we are inviting you to take part in this consultation. We welcome your views on the proposed changes raised in this letter and all viewpoints will be taken into account as part of the decision making process.

Feedback can be given in the following ways;

In writing to:
Education Services
Building 3, Saltisford Office Park
Ansell Way
Warwick
CV34 4UL

Via E-mail:
schoolorganisation@warwickshire.gov.uk

or, by completing the online survey at
<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/schools/expansion-evergreen-school>

The deadline for comments is midnight on **19th February 2023**

Following the end of the consultation we shall publish the results and this may include quotes of comments which will be anonymous. If you reply to an anonymous survey then no personal details will be captured. If you would like further information, visit our website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/privacy or contact our Customer Service Centre on 01926 410410